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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT CONTINUES HARD-LINE AGAINST
POLITICAL OPPOSITION AND "PURIFICATION" TARGETS
REF: (A) SEOUL 0207, (B) SEOUL 0362
1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE OR IS RUMORED TO BE ON THE
BRINK OF MAKING A NUMBER OF MOVES IN LINE WITH ITS PURIFI-
CATION DRIVE AND [redacted] B1, A5
FIRST, THE MARTIAL LAW COMMAND (MLC) ISSUED A 47-PAGE
REPORT JULY 4 DETAILING CHARGES AGAINST EX-PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATE KIM DAE JUNG (N-R: KIM TAE-CHUNG) AND 38 OF HIS
ALLEGED HENCHMEN. ALLEGEDLY, KIM PLANNED TO SEIZE POWER
FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT PARK BY TAKING
CONTROL OF THE KCIA AND USING VARIOUS PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS
TO OVERTHROW THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISH HIMSELF
AS HEAD OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT. THE REPORT SAYS KIM IS
A CONFIRMED COMMUNIST WHO HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH
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COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS SINCE 1945, SPECIFICALLY LINKS HIM
TO THE NORTH KOREANS, AND CHARGES HE HAS PRINCIPAL RESPON-
SIBILITY FOR "TAENGU DISTURBANCES." KIM AND THE OTHERS
WILL BE TRIED BY GENERAL COURT MARTIAL. (SUMMARY OF MLC
REPORT FOLLOWS SEPTEL.)
3. THE GOVERNMENT'S PURIFICATION DRIVE IS ALSO BEGINNING TO

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4. FINALLY, ON JULY 3 THE GOVERNMENT CLOSED THE SEOUL OFFICES OF THE ASAHI SHIMBUN AND JIJI PRESS AND ISSUED A "STRONG WARNING" TO THE SANKEI SHIMBUN'S SEOUL REPRESENTA-

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THE EXPULSION OF THE JAPANESE PRESS COMES ALONG WITH THE EXPLICIT EXPULSION OF THE SEOUL KYODO CORRESPONDENT, THE "VOLUNTARY" SUSPENSION OF THE "MONTHLY JOONGANG" (REF B) AND MENTION OF MEDIA PEOPLE IN THE NIC'S REPORT ON KIM DAE JUNG.

5. COMMENT: IT IS STILL UNCLEAR HOW FAR THE PURIFICATION DRIVE AND MOVES AGAINST THOSE DEEMED ENEMIES BY THE GOVERNMENT AND NIC WILL GO. [redacted] b1 A5

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